

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A flywheel assembly comprising:
a flywheel having a hub for mounting the flywheel to a crankshaft of an engine, ~~and an outer diameter the flywheel having a first outer diameter and a second outer diameter less than the first outer diameter, the first outer diameter defining a first outer surface and the second outer diameter defining a second outer surface;~~
a plurality of teeth disposed about the first outer surface;
a first ring attached to the flywheel about the second outer diameter thereof surface;
and
a second ring attached to the first ring and formed of a material different from that of the first ring;
the first ring being isolated from direct contact with the flywheel by the second ring.
2. **(Previously Presented)** The flywheel assembly of claim 1 wherein the first ring is a ferrous material and the second ring is an elastomer material.
3. **(Previously Presented)** The flywheel assembly of claim 2 wherein the second ring is integrally formed to the first ring thereby forming a subassembly.
4. **(Previously Presented)** The flywheel assembly of claim 3 wherein the subassembly is press fit to the fly-wheel.
5. **(Cancelled)**
6. **(Original)** The flywheel assembly of claim 1 wherein the second ring is designed to deform to dampen vibrations generated by torsional resonance of an engine during rotation of the flywheel assembly.
7. **(Original)** The flywheel assembly of claim 1 incorporated into an internal combustion engine.

8. (Original) The flywheel assembly of claim 7 wherein the flywheel assembly is constructed to generate a torsional resonance that counteracts a corresponding torsional resonance of the internal combustion engine.
9. (Original) The flywheel assembly of claim 7 wherein the internal combustion engine is incorporated into a watercraft.
10. (Currently Amended) A flywheel assembly comprising:
a ring having an inner surface;
a flywheel having ~~[[an]]~~ a first outer diameter and a second outer diameter less than the first outer diameter, the first outer diameter defining a first outer surface and the second outer diameter defining a second outer surface, and an opening for mounting to a crankshaft of an engine;
a plurality of teeth disposed about the first outer surface; and
an elastomer ring having a first side attached to the second outer diameter-surface of the flywheel and a second side attached to the inner surface of the ring thereby separating the ring from the flywheel.
11. (Original) The flywheel assembly of claim 10 wherein the elastomer ring is bonded to the inner surface of the ring.
12. (Original) The flywheel assembly of claim 10 wherein the ring is constructed to press fit onto the flywheel with the elastomer ring positioned therebetween.
13. (Currently Amended) The flywheel assembly of claim 10 wherein the flywheel ~~further comprises a plurality of teeth disposed about a perimeter thereof and teeth are~~ constructed to engage a starter gear.
14. (Original) The flywheel assembly of claim 10 wherein the elastomer ring dampens torsional resonance of the engine.
15. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly of claim 10 wherein the ring is made of steel.

16. **(Original)** The flywheel assembly of claim 10 incorporated into an outboard motor.
17. **(Currently Amended)** A flywheel assembly comprising:
a ring having an inner diameter;
a flywheel having ~~[[an]]~~ a first outer diameter and a second outer diameter less than the first outer diameter, the first outer diameter defining a first outer surface and the second outer diameter defining a second outer surface, and an opening for mounting to a crankshaft of an engine;
the second outer diameter of the flywheel being smaller than the inner diameter of the ring;
a ring gear disposed about the first outer surface; and
a flexible membrane disposed between the inner diameter of the ring and the second outer diameter-surface of the flywheel and constructed to prevent contact therebetween.
18. **(Currently amended)** The flywheel assembly of claim 17 ~~further comprising a ring gear attached to the flywheel and~~ wherein the ring gear is constructed to engage a starter gear of an engine.
19. **(Original)** The flywheel assembly of claim 17 wherein the ring is press fit to the flywheel with the flexible membrane therebetween.
20. **(Original)** The flywheel assembly of claim 17 wherein the flexible membrane is an elastomer material having a resonance that dampens torsional resonance of an engine.
21. **(Previously Presented)** The flywheel assembly of claim 17 wherein the flexible membrane is attached to the ring.
22. **(Original)** The flywheel assembly of claim 17 attached to an engine incorporated into a watercraft.
23. **(Original)** The flywheel assembly of claim 17 attached to an engine incorporated into an outboard motor.

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